GOVERNMENTOF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Services - Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Complaints – Allegations of manipulations in the sale of Rice Harvester in Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District – Disciplinary action against Sri T.Mohan Rao, former Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District and presently working as District Agriculture Officer, Nandyala District, under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charge - Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.300 **Dated :22/03/2024**

Read the following:

1. U.O. Note No. 977(DG)/V&E/Sec-II/D1/2018, General Administration (V&E) Dept., Dt: 14.12.2018.
2. Govt. Memo No. AGC01-AGRI/11/2019-VIG-I, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.08.01.2019.
3. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I(I) 24/2019, dt.30.08.2023.
4. Govt. Memo No. AGC01-AGRI/11/2019-VIG-I, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.26.09.2023.
5. From the Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I(I) 24/2019, dt.06.02.2024.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against the said Sri T. Mohan Rao, former Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District and presently working as District Agriculture Officer, Nandyala District, in accordance with procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I), Statement of imputation of misconduct or misbehavior on which action is proposed to be taken against him as Annexure-II, a list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Article of Charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-III and IV.

3. Sri T. Mohan Rao, former Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District and presently working as District Agriculture Officer, Nandyala District, is directed to submit a Written Statement of Defense (WSD) within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri T. Mohan Rao, former Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District and presently working as District Agriculture Officer, Nandyala District, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each Articles of Charge.

5. Sri T.Mohan Rao, former Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District and presently working as District Agriculture Officer, Nandyala District, is further informed that if he does not submit his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) on or before the date specified in para-3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte.

6. Attention of Sri T.Mohan Rao, former Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District and presently working as District Agriculture Officer, Nandyala District, is invited to rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed Sri T.Mohan Rao, former

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Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District and presently working as District Agriculture Officer, Nandyala District, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the A. P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

Sri T.Mohan Rao, former Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District and presently working as District Agriculture Officer, Nandyala District.
(through the Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)

Copy to:

The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur,
(With a request to serve the original G.O. on the Charged Officer and obtain his dated acknowledgement on the Xerox copy and furnish the same along with his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) to the Government)
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI T. MOHAN RAO, FORMER JOINT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (FAC), ERSTWHILE KRISHNA DISTIRCT AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS DISTRICT AGRICULTURE OFFICER, NANDYALA DISTRICT:

Articles of Charge-I:

"That the said Sri T. Mohan Rao, while working as Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District, has sanctioned the Rice Harvester on subsidy to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District, during the year 2016-17, without proper verification of their online application with reference to details in revenue records and the guidelines issued by the Department in this concern. His action has led to irregularity since the Harvester is intended for SC, ST, BC & Minorities and there is only one SC candidate in the said Sangam and no priority is given to the Small & Marginal Farmers.

The above acts show that he is not devoted and negligent in discharging his legitimate duties which attract violation of Rule-3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964."

Articles of Charge-II:

"That the said Sri T. Mohan Rao, while working as Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District, has not initiated any disciplinary action against his subordinate Staff concerned for irregular sanction of Rice Harvestor on subsidy to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District, during the year 2016-17.

Further, he has also not initiated any action against the members of the M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M) Krishna District, as per rules in force, for breaching of the terms and conditions of the Agreement with the Agriculture Department, with regard to misplacement of subsidized Rice Harvesting Machine.

The above acts show his dereliction of duties which attract violation of rule -3 of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964."

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI T. MOHAN RAO, FORMER JOINT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (FAC), ERSTWHILE KRISHNA DISTIRCT AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS DISTRICT AGRICULTURE OFFICER, NANDYALA DISTRICT.

BASIS OF THE CHARGE - I:

A complaint petition was lodged by Sri Kolli Ashok Chowdary, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District and presently NTR District regarding irregularities & manipulations occurred at the time of sanction of Rice Harvester to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District and Presently NTR District, on subsidy basis during the year 2016-17.

The preliminary inquiry conducted by the Sub Collector, Nuzvid reveals that, the staff have not followed the departmental guidelines while sanctioning the Rice Harvester on subsidy basis to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District, during the year 2016-17.

Further, the Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), Krishna District, has not verified the details furnished in online application by M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District for sanction of Rice Harvester on subsidy basis during the year 2016-17. The Harvester is intended for SC, ST, BC and Minorities, but, there is only one SC Candidate in the said group and priority has not been given to the Small and Marginal Farmers. Further, there are variations in the extents and katha Nos as detailed below:

S. NO.	NAME OF THE GROUP MEMBER AND VILLAGE	CASTE/ RYTHU CATEGORY	DETAILS IN ONLINE APPLICATION		DETAILS IN TAHSILDAR REPORT	
			Khata No.	Extent	Khata No.	Extent
1.	Thumallapalli Srinivas Rao, S/o Subba Rao Chittela and Patha Tiruvuru	OC / OF	396	11.32	396	11.35
			-	-	781	2.60
			Total	11.32		13.95
2.	B.Rama Krishna, S/o Muttaiah Rolupudi and Chittela	OC / SF	-	-	594	4.24
			294	4.24	417	10.76
			Total	4.24		15.00
3.	B.Rama Rao, S/o Venkateswara Rao Rolupudi and Chittela	OC / OF	-	-	765	2.03
			397	6.20	48	0.18
			Total	6.20		2.21
4.	K.Vinay Kumar, S/o LiaiahChittela	SC / MF	255	1.11	255	1.12
5.	B.LaxmiNarayanaS/o NagaiahChittela	OC / SF	393	1.50		

Thus, his negligent and careless attitude towards legitimate duties have led to irregular sanction of Rice Harvester to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District which attracts violation of Rule-3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964. Hence, the Charge.

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BASIS OF THE CHARGE - II:

Sri T. Mohan Rao, while working as Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), Krishna District, after conducting inquiry on 13.11.2020 into the irregular sanction of Rice Harvester to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District and its subsequent misplacement by the Group, has submitted report stating that, he has not taken any initiative for producing Rice Harvester before him nor taken any disciplinary action against the Sub-ordinate Officials of Agriculture Department for slack supervision and easy going approach and also against the Members of the Group for violating the conditions of grant. Instead, he has simply sought for directions from the State Level Officer, though he is competent to initiate action. This sort of negligent tendency towards legitimate job indicates dereliction of duty on his part.

Thus, Sri T. Mohan Rao, former Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District and presently working as District Agricultural Officer, Nandyala District is not devoted to duty and negligent in discharging of his legitimate duties, which attract violation of Rule-3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964". Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE -III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI T. MOHAN RAO, FORMER JOINT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (FAC), ERSTWHILE KRISHNA DISTIRCT AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS DISTRICT AGRICULTURE OFFICER, NANDYALA DISTRICT PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

Enquiry report submitted by Smt. Prathistha Mamgain, I.A.S, Sub Collector, Nuzvid vide Rc.G.1640/2020, Dated 24.03.2021.

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ANNEXURE- IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI T. MOHAN RAO, FORMER JOINT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (FAC), ERSTWHILE KRISHNA DISTIRCT AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS DISTRICT AGRICULTURE OFFICER, NANDYALA DISTRICT PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

Sri Kolli Ashok Chowdary, Chittela(V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District (Complainant)

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